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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO APRIL 17, 2006 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 17, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension, these documents are due on or before August 17, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 25669-003.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.